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60-KILOMETER SPY BELT IN HUNGARY -- New York Riportok Es Hirek Magyarorszagrol,
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The State Security Authority (AVH) has set up a 60-kilometer-deep spy belt along the western, southern, and northern borders of Hungary, designed to catch would-be fugitives from the country. Rewards are paid for reporting fugitives; in Vas County, the reward is 60 forints per head.

The population of the spy belt is terrorized by the border guard. In Sopron, an elderly woman was arrested because she had given dinner to a fugitive married couple. In Keszthely, a young man told his friend in an inn that in a few days he would be sampling wines in Salzburg. The innkeeper overheard and denounced the fugitive, who was promptly arrested. In the Adam Restaurant on Stalin Street in Budapest two men were arrested because they had been overheard mentioning Austrian cities in their conversation.

Giving a glass of water to a fugitive is a crime. In Gencsapati, Vas County, a kulak was arrested because he had given water to suspects and did not report it. The fugitives were later apprehended and this led to many other arrests -- some people had given them lodging, others food and drink.

The population of the spy belt alone knows of these conditions, so that fugitives coming from the interior of the country fall into the trap. The fugitives have no chance of penetrating this belt, which is filled with agents, patrols with police dogs, barbed-wire fence, mine fields, and road blocks.

ISSUES NEW IDENTIFICATION CARDS -- New York Riportok Es Hirek Magyarorszagrol,
24 Jun 50

New identification cards, recently issued, carry various letters, designed to classify Hungarian citizens according to their social origin. All persons whose parents were not workers or peasants receive an identification card with the letter "O."

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The same card is given also to people who are industrial workers at present but are descended from a bourgeois family or were formerly officials or professionals.

The "O" card does not entitle the holder to admission to a university and he can get employment in an industrial plant only after a thorough screening and with Party support. Promotion in industry is practically impossible for an "O" card holder.

STATE SECURITY AUTHORITY ACTIVE -- New York Riportok Es Hirek Magyarorszagrol, 24 Jun 50

On 1 May 1950, the Hungarian State Security Authority (AVH) took over the internment camp at Kistarcsa and the Marko Street, Kobanya, and Pest District prisons, all in Budapest. Since then restrictions have been placed on the number of parcels a prisoner may receive and on the number of visits.

STATE SECURITY DETACHMENT IN THE BANAT -- New York Riportok Es Hirek Magyarorszagrol, 22 Jul 50

Two battalions of the Hungarian State Security Authority (AVH) have been transferred to Timisoara, Rumania. These battalions are part of the unified international Bolshevik combat formation.

NEW HUNGARIAN PASSPORT -- New York Riportok Es Hirek Magyarorszagrol, 17 Jun 50

The new Hungarian passport is red and carries the hammer and sickle emblem on the cover.

NEW PENAL CODE IN PREPARATION -- New York Riportok Es Hirek Magyarorszagrol, 1 Jul 50

A new penal code is in preparation in Hungary. It is planned to include the following new penalties: internment camp, labor camp, penal camp, and deportation (evidently to the USSR).

ZOLTAN TILDY HEAVILY GUARDED -- New York Riportok Es Hirek Magyarorszagrol, 15 Jul 50

Zoltan Tildy, former Prime Minister of the Hungarian People's Republic, has been closely guarded for the last 2 years. He lives in his villa in Rozsado [a residential section on the Buda side of Budapest], which has been blocked off by the police from the neighborhood and is illuminated by spotlights at night.

GIVE POLITICAL LEADERS BETTER PROTECTION -- New York Riportok Es Hirek Magyarorszagrol, 15 Jul 50

The automobile license plate numbers of the Hungarian political leaders have been changed to inconspicuous small signs. The cars carry neither an emblem nor a low number because of the fear of attempts on the leaders' lives.

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When Rakosi drives from his fortified office on Akademia Street to his mansion in Svabhegy [one of the villa districts on the Buda side of Budapest], he is escorted by a police convoy. Headquarters of the Communist Party on Akademia Street is guarded so closely that even the streetcar tracks have been removed from the street to better enable the guard to protect the building.

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